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BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

Hossein Zia, Thomas E. Needham, and Muhammad Quadir Junior Party (Patent 6,090,368),

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Giancarlo Santus; Giuseppe Bottoni, and Ettore Bilato Senior Party (Application 09/903,665).

Patent Interference No. 105,395 (JTM) (Technology Center 1614)

JUDGMENT - REQUEST FOR ADVERSE - Bd. R. 127(b)

- 1 Before SCHAFER, TIERNEY, and MOORE, Administrative Patent Judges.
- MOORE, Administrative Patent Judge.
- 3 On Thursday, July 13, 2006, a conference call was held. Involved, as principal
- 4 participants, were APJ James T. Moore for the Board, Adda Gogoris, Esq. for party
- 5 Santus, and Leonard C. Mitchard, Esq. for party Zia.
- The record of this interference reflects that Zia, the junior party, has not filed its
- 7 priority statement. Bd. R. 204(a)(1) provides that a party may not submit evidence of its

priority in addition to its accorded benefit unless it files a priority statement. Zia cannot 2 prevail on the current record. 3 During the conference call, Zia confirmed that it did not file a priority statement 4 intentionally, would not be filing any motions, would not be defending this interference, 5 and consented to the entry of an adverse judgment against it. We construe these 6 statements as a Request for Adverse Judgment. Bd. R. 127(b)(4). 7 Upon consideration of the Request for Adverse Judgment, it is hereby: 8 **ORDERED** that judgment on priority as to Count 1 (Paper 1, page 5) is awarded 9 against Junior party Hossein Zia, Thomas E. Needham, and Muhammad Quadir. 10 FURTHER ORDERED that Junior party Hossein Zia, Thomas E. Needham, and 11 Muhammad Quadir is not entitled to a patent containing claims 1-4 (corresponding to 12 Count 1) of patent 6,090,368. 13 **FURTHER ORDERED** that a copy of this paper shall be made of record in files 14 of application 09/903,665 and patent 6,090,368. 15 **FURTHER ORDERED** that the parties shall direct attention to 35 U.S.C. § 135(c) 16 and 37 CFR § 41.205(a) regarding the filing of settlement agreements. 17

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